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ABMS Certification Verification Resources and ABMS Official Display Agent List

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About ABMS Data

ABMS is the official and central registry of certification status information for physicians certified by all 24 ABMS Member Boards. One of the primary functions of ABMS is to communicate the status of physicians' board certification information. ABMS data is widely referenced by professional organizations to confidently confirm a physician's qualifications.

Board certification information from ABMS is considered the "gold standard" for its credibility and quality. The ABMS database, which contains more than 800,000 records, is updated daily with information supplied by the 24 ABMS Member Boards. ABMS makes its data available through print, online and telephone resources for professional and public use.

Physician certification is an important part of constructing a physician's professional profile. Whether your need is to complete hospital privileging requirements or recruit physicians for a public health program, finding complete, quality information can bring peace of mind to your decision making.

Primary Source Professional Services

ABMS data comes directly from the 24 Member Boards. It is considered Primary Source Verified (PSV) only if sourced from specific products and services designated as an *ABMS Official Display Agent* or directly from ABMS or an ABMS Member Board. We have selected specific online services as *Official Display Agents* authorized to supply ABMS data for PSV and non-Primary Source needs. These products and services vary in format, features, functionality, intended application and data update frequency. Reports from these services that include complete certification histories and effective and expiration dates for certification meet the PSV requirements set by The Joint Commission, NCQA, URAC and other accrediting organizations. Information without dates is also available as noted from identified organizations.

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ABMS Licensee	Product or Service	Licensee Contact Information
American Medical Association	AMA ePhysician Profiles and AMA Masterfile	(800) 621-8835 www.ama-assn.org
ACS Midas Plus	MidasPlus System Electronic Primary Source Verification (ePSV) Reports	(800) 737-8835 www.midasplus.com
American Osteopathic Association	American Osteopathic Information Association (AOIA) Physician Profile Reports	(800) 621-1773 www.osteopathic.org
Applied Statics & Management, Inc.	MdStaff System	(800) 736-7276 www.mdstaff.com
Computer Technology Corporation, Inc.	Cactus Electronic Primary Source Verification (ePSV) Reports	(800) 776-2305 www.visualcactus.com
Collaborative Fusion, Inc.	Collaborative Fusion Electronic Primary Source Verification (ePSV) Reports	(412)422-3463 www.collaborativefusion.com
CredentialSmart	CredentialSmart Electronic Primary Source Verification (ePSV) Reports	(877) 847-3499 www.credentialsmart.com
Elsevier	BoardCertifiedDocs and supporting physician data file	(800) 401-9962, option 4 www.boardcertifieddocs.com
EMSystem, LLC	EMSystem Electronic Primary Source Verification (ePSV) Reports	(888) 367-9783 www.emsystem.com
Ingenix	Ingenix PrimeSourceWeb (ePSV) Reports	(888)445-8745 www.primesourceweb.com
MedAdvantage	MedAdvantage MCO Users Provider Search Reports	(407) 282-5131 www.med-advantage.com
TMP Medical Listings, a unit of TMP Directional Marketing, LLC	CertiFACTS On-Line™ ABMS Certification Profile Service™ (sales agent)	(800)773-2267 www.certifacts.org
<i>TMP Medical Listings also offers the ABMS Medical Specialists Online™ service (as sales agent) which provides certification verification information without effective and expiration dates. Reports from this service are not accepted by The Joint Commission and other accrediting organizations.</i>		
Vistar Technologies	Vistar Technologies System	(888)266-4532 www.vistartech.com

Non-Primary Source Public Services

As part of its public service mission, ABMS makes information about a physician's board certification available to everyone who is interested. The resources listed here are intended to provide basic certification status only and are not appropriate for Primary Source Equivalent/ Primary Source Verification (PSE/PSV)

Check Online at www.abms.org

ABMS provides a free physician look-up service called "Is Your Doctor Certified?" on the ABMS Web site at www.abms.org. This self-serve resource allows you to conduct searches by a physician's name or area of certification and a state name.

Make a Toll-Free Phone Call to (866) ASK-ABMS

This phone service offers access to the online service for people who do not have a computer. Telephone agents can only confirm a physician's certification from a particular board and in a particular specialty or subspecialty.

Look in the Book

The Official ABMS Directory of Certified Medical Specialists® published by Elsevier Inc. in cooperation with ABMS, provides biographical information on physicians who have met the certification requirements of their respective specialty boards. All biographies include type of specialty, subspecialty, if applicable, and the years of certification, subspecialty, re-certification and time-limited certification as appropriate. This resource can be found in many medical and public libraries.

About ABMS

American Board of Medical Specialties is the preeminent medical organization overseeing physician certification in the United States. It assists its 24 Member Boards in their efforts to develop and implement educational and professional standards for the evaluation and certification of physician specialists.

The 24 Member Boards that make up the ABMS Board Enterprise cover more than 145 medical specialties and subspecialties include: American Board of Allergy and Immunology, American Board of Anesthesiology, American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery, American Board of Dermatology, American Board of Emergency Medicine, American Board of Family Medicine, American Board of Internal Medicine, American Board of Medical Genetics, American Board of Neurological Surgery, American Board of Nuclear Medicine, American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, American Board of Ophthalmology, American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, American Board of Otolaryngology, American Board of Pathology, American Board of Pediatrics American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, American Board of Plastic Surgery, American Board of Preventive Medicine, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, American Board of Radiology, American Board of Surgery, American Board of Thoracic Surgery, and American Board of Urology.

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